

IN THE CLAIMS:

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5. (**New**) A cutting device which comprises:

a base body which defines first and second lateral body portions, said first and second lateral body portions respectively defining generally flat front ends and generally flat bottom surfaces, said front end and said bottom surface of said second body portion being recessed into said base body relative to said respective front and bottom surface of said first lateral body portion to provide front and bottom contact surfaces on said first body portion against which a flooring material can be abutted, said second body portion defining a recess that opens to said front end and bottom surface thereof, and said base body including mounting means which extends from said first body portion into said recess,

a plurality of replaceable spacer plates mounted in said recess, and

a cutting blade mounted on said mounting means and between two adjacent spacer plates in said recess, said cutting blade being movable by said mounting means between a first position completely positioned within outer peripheries of said adjacent spacer plates and a second position positioned forwardly of said front end of said first body portion and below said bottom surface of said first body portion to cut flooring material as said bottom surface of said first body portion to cut flooring material as said bottom surface of front face of said cutting device is moved along said flooring material.

6. (**New**) A cutting device according to claim 5, wherein said spacer plates define front and bottom edges that together define the front end and bottom surface of said second body portion.

7. (**New**) A cutting device according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of spacer plates include respective slots which extend diagonally toward an intersection where said front end and bottom surface of said second body portion meet, and wherein said mounting means is movable along said slots to move said cutting blade between said first and second positions.

8. (**New**) A cutting device according to claim 7, wherein said mounting means comprises a first bolt which extends from said first lateral body portion to a threaded end, and including a nut which threadingly engages said threaded end of said first bolt to lock and unlock said mounting means relative to said spacer plates.

9. (**New**) A cutting device according to claim 8, wherein said first lateral body portion defines a diagonal channel therein and a lateral slot which communicates said diagonal channel with said diagonal slots in said plurality of spacer plates, and wherein said mounting means includes a second bolt which extends in said diagonal channel and to which said first bolt is attached, said second bolt being rotatable so as to move said first bolt along said respective diagonal slots in said first lateral body portion and said plurality of spacer plates.

10. (**New**) A cutting device according to claim 9, wherein said base body defines a top surface, wherein said top surface define an

opening, and wherein said mounting means includes a dial attached to an upper end of said second bolt which is rotatable through said opening.

11. (**New**) A cutting device according to claim 5, wherein said cutting blade has a disc shape.

12. (**New**) A cutting device according to claim 5, wherein at least two of said plurality of replaceable spacer plates have different thicknesses.